

Oregon's School Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Program

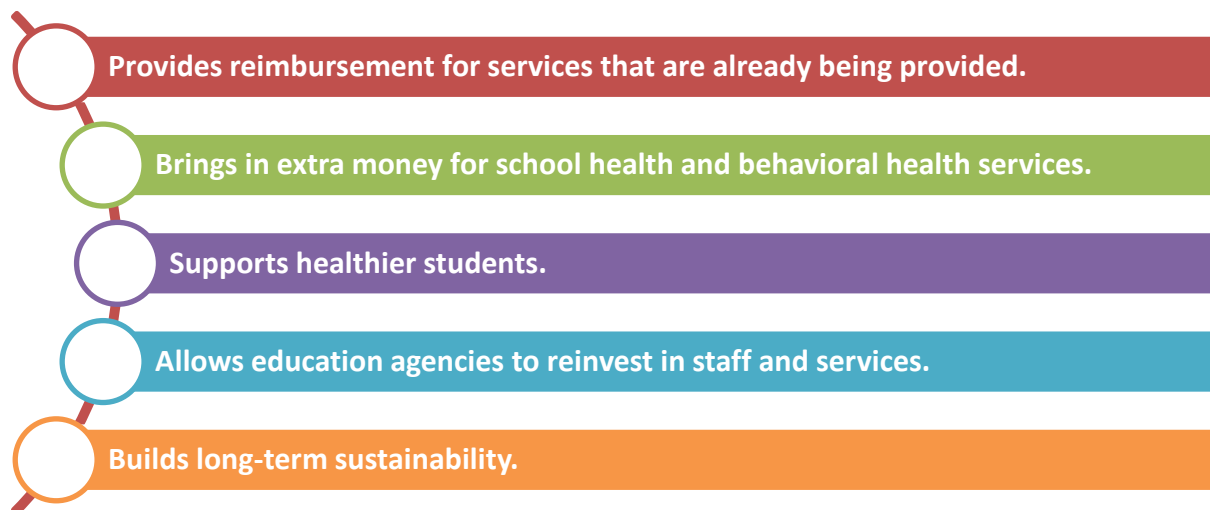
Oregon's School-Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Program, also known as School Medicaid, is a partnership between the [Oregon Health Authority](#) (OHA) and the [Oregon Department of Education](#) (ODE) that supports increased student access to school health services by helping education agencies (EAs) get reimbursed for health services provided to Medicaid-enrolled children and young adults.

Two Types of School Medicaid Programs

- [Medicaid Administrative Claiming \(MAC\)](#) reimburses for claimable activities related to the administration of Medicaid, such as referrals to medical, behavioral, vision, or dental services, assisting a family with enrollment in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), and coordination of Medicaid services to OHP enrolled providers.
- [Direct services](#) reimburses for covered health services provided to children and young adults ages birth through 21 in the education setting. These services include nursing, speech-language pathology, occupational and physical therapy, and mental and behavioral health.



What are the Benefits?



What are the Requirements for Participation?

There are two requirements that schools must meet to be eligible to participate in the **direct services** program:

- They must meet the definition of education agency
- They must meet OHA's federally approved financial reporting requirements for calculating cost-based rates

1. Education Agency Definition

The definition of education agency requires that a school be a local unit of government. OHA has determined that the schools and programs below that include a check mark meet that definition:

☒	Public School District, Public Charter School, Education Service District (ESD)
☒	Public Alternative Education Program
☒	ODE Approved Recovery School Operated by a Public School District, Public Charter School, or ESD
☒	Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) that is an ODE Contracted Public School District or ESD

2. Cost-Based Rate Requirement

OHA's cost methodology is based on prior year audits that are submitted to ODE. Does your EA submit an audit to ODE? EAs below that do not have a check mark should verify their ODE financial reporting processes.

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Next Steps

- If both requirements are met for participation in direct services billing, please see ODE's [School Medicaid: Guide to Getting Started](#) web page for details on how to start billing.
- If you are unsure of your ODE financial reporting processes, please reach out to Jennifer Dundon at jennifer.dundon@ode.oregon.gov.
- If your school meets the definition of an EA but not the cost-based rate requirements, you may still be eligible to participate in MAC. Please contact OHA at medicaid.sbhs@oha.oregon.gov for more information.